

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 8, and add Claim 12 as follows.

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

a lens barrel;

an image pickup device for converting an object image into an electrical signal;

an image display unit;

an exterior member comprising front and rear covers, each extending from a first side to a second side of the apparatus; and

a chassis being disposed at least between said lens barrel and said image display unit, extending from the first side to the second side of the apparatus,

wherein said chassis comprises first bent portions positioned at opposing ends of said chassis, fixed to the front and rear covers of the exterior member by a plurality of fixing members formed on the first bent portions in order to fix said chassis to said exterior member, and a second bent portion formed between the first bent portions.

9. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising a recording-medium accommodating unit, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is located in a space formed between one of the first bent portions and the second bent portion.

10. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is covered by a covered portion which is located between one of the first bent portions and the second bent portion of said chassis and is facing said exterior member.

11. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 9, further comprising a battery accommodating unit, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is fixed to said battery accommodating unit.

12. (New) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said second bent portion is formed in an area other than an area between said lens barrel and said image display unit.